



# **PHM COE Phase I Advisory Board Meeting**

## **Sandia National Laboratories Structural Health Monitoring Overview**

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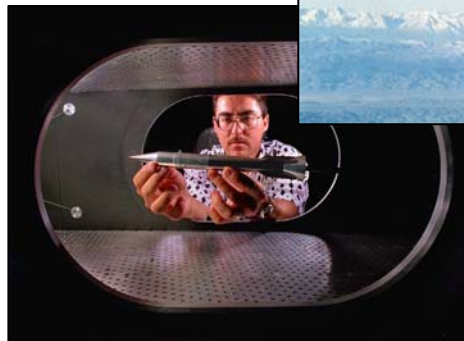
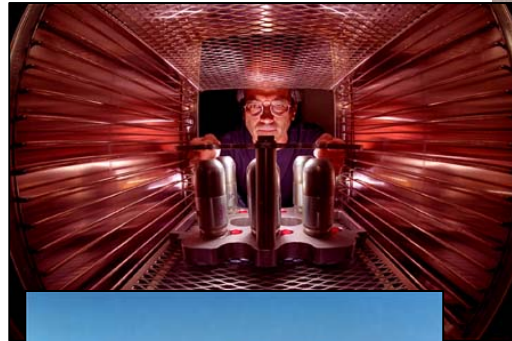
# Outline

- **Sandia Heritage in System Development**
  - **Performance Assessment of Critical Products**
    - System Integration
    - Physical and Computational Simulation
    - Sensors
  - **Structural Health Monitoring Motivations**
    - 1980's
    - 1990's
    - 2000's
- **New Initiatives**
- **Summary**



# Sandia National Laboratories

- National security laboratory
- Primary mission in nuclear weapons
- Broader mission in science and technology to meet national needs



Sandia National Laboratories

*Sandia*  
**VISION**

helping our nation secure a peaceful and free world through technology

Integrity

Excellence

Service to the Nation

Each Other

Teamwork

**Our highest goal** is to become the laboratory that the U.S. turns to first for technology solutions to the most challenging problems that threaten peace and freedom for our nation and the globe.



# Sandia is a National Security Laboratory

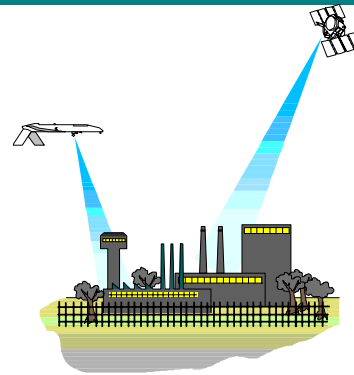
## Nuclear Weapons



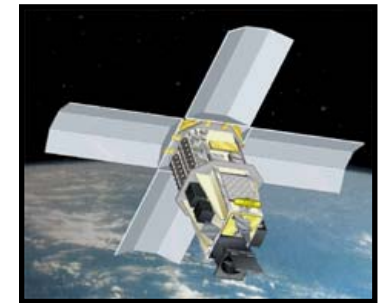
**Safe, Secure,  
Reliable Weapons**



## Nonproliferation & Assessments



**Detection**



**Surveillance**

## Energy & Infrastructure Assurance



**Energy**



**Information**



**Transportation**

## Military Technologies and Applications

**Advanced Technology  
to Protect the Nation**



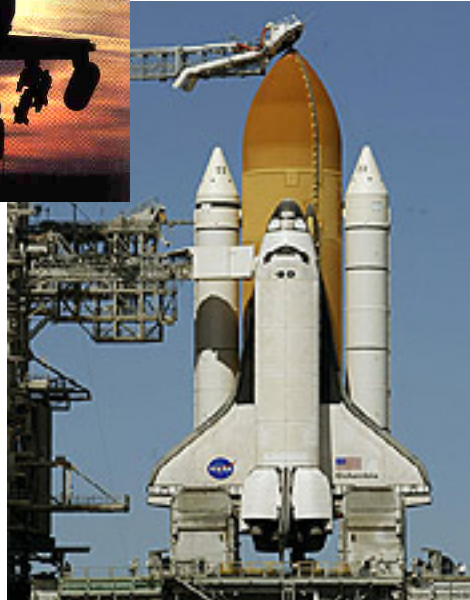


# Sandia Motivations in Structural Health Monitoring

Reduce maintenance cost  
Optimize service schedule



Prevent accidents



Structural Health Monitoring (SHM): a system

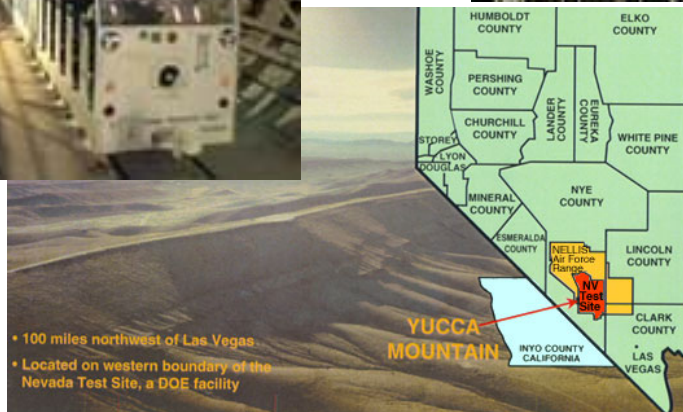
that monitors structure to detect damage

- reduces maintenance costs
- optimizes service and replacement schedules
- **saves lives**

Ensure safety of DOE owned facilities



Asses integrity of a damaged structure

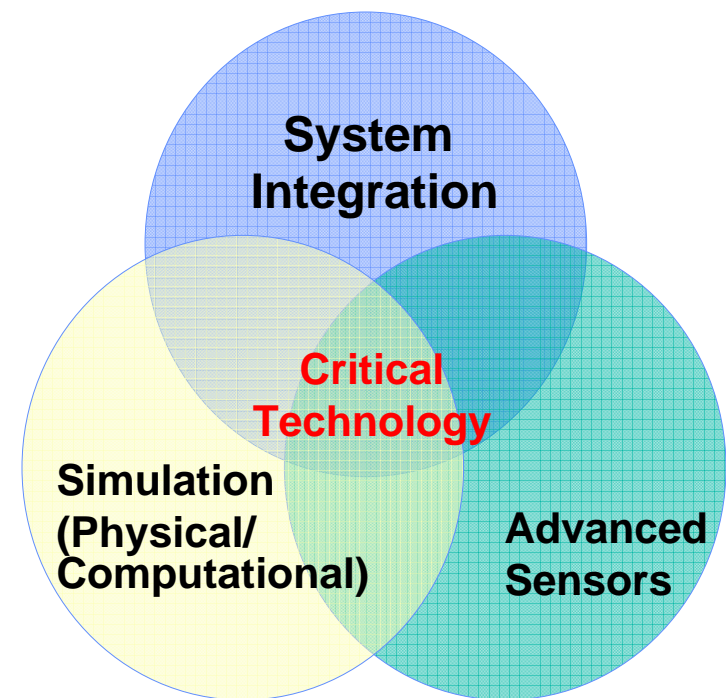


- 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas
- Located on western boundary of the Nevada Test Site, a DOE facility



# 1949 to Present – R&D for Critical National Security Systems

- **Engineering Non-Nuclear Parts of the Nuclear Weapon Stockpile**
  - Development
  - Safety, Reliability and Security
- **Stockpile Surveillance**
  - Flight Test Program
  - Sampling Program
- **Treaty Verification Technology**
  - Space
  - Ground
- **Energy R&D**
  - Nuclear Material Transportation
  - Pulsed Power Fusion
  - Renewable Energy
- **Advanced Military Technology**
  - SAR
  - Penetrators
- **Development Testing**
  - Full Scale
    - Aboveground (Banned by Treaty)
    - Underground (Banned by Treaty)
  - Radiation
  - Abnormal
  - Environmental Simulation





## Enduring Stockpile Weapon Systems are Qualified on Evolving Delivery Systems

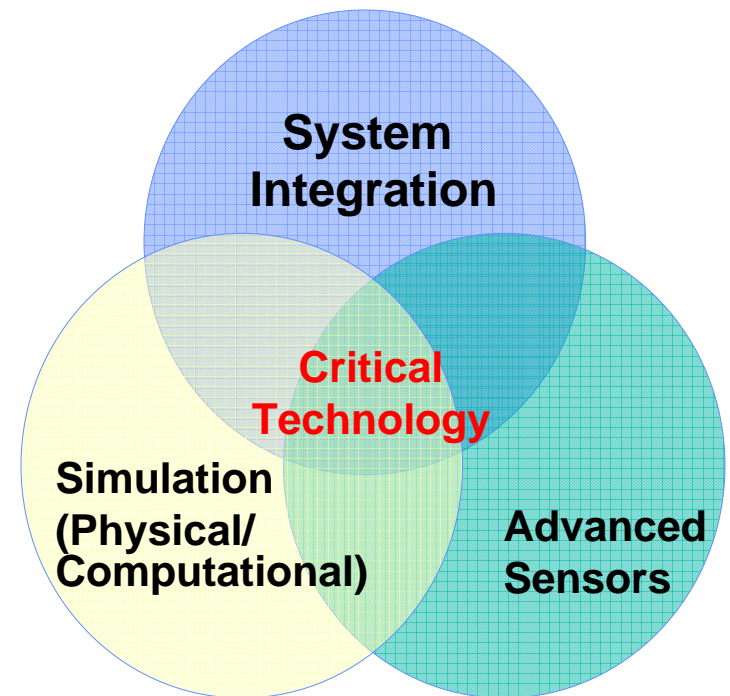






## 1980's – R&D for Critical National Security Systems

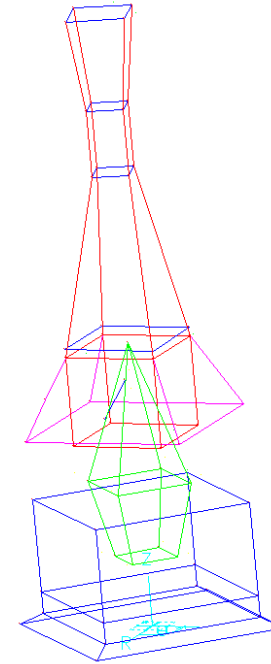
- **Stockpile Reduction**
  - Aging Issue
- **Site Security Technology**
  - Advanced Sensors
- **Transportation Security**
  - Mobile Sensors
- **Treaty Verification**
  - Distributed Sensors
- **Experimental Modal Analysis**
  - Simplistic Model Validation
  - Hardwired Roving Sensors
  - Limited Sensor Capability
  - Limited Computer Model Capability
  - Operational Testing







# Missile Payload Analysis & Testing

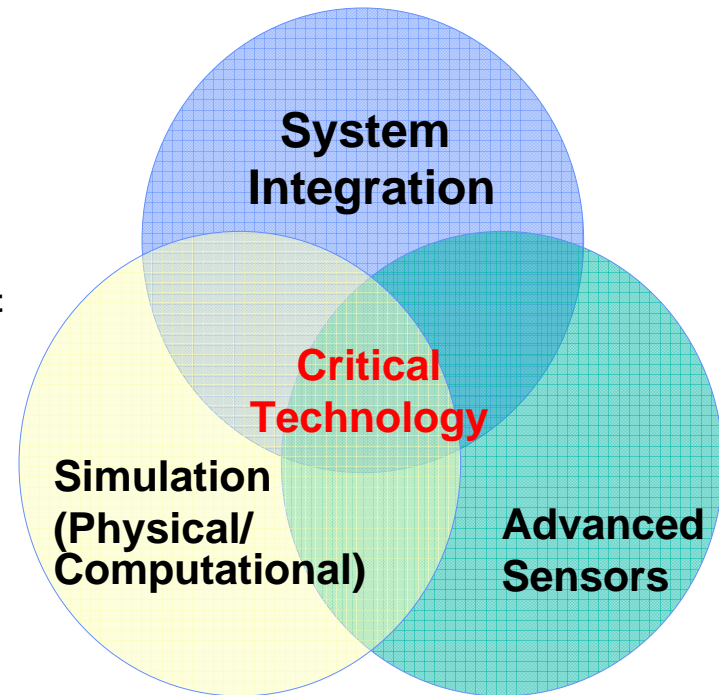




# 1990's –

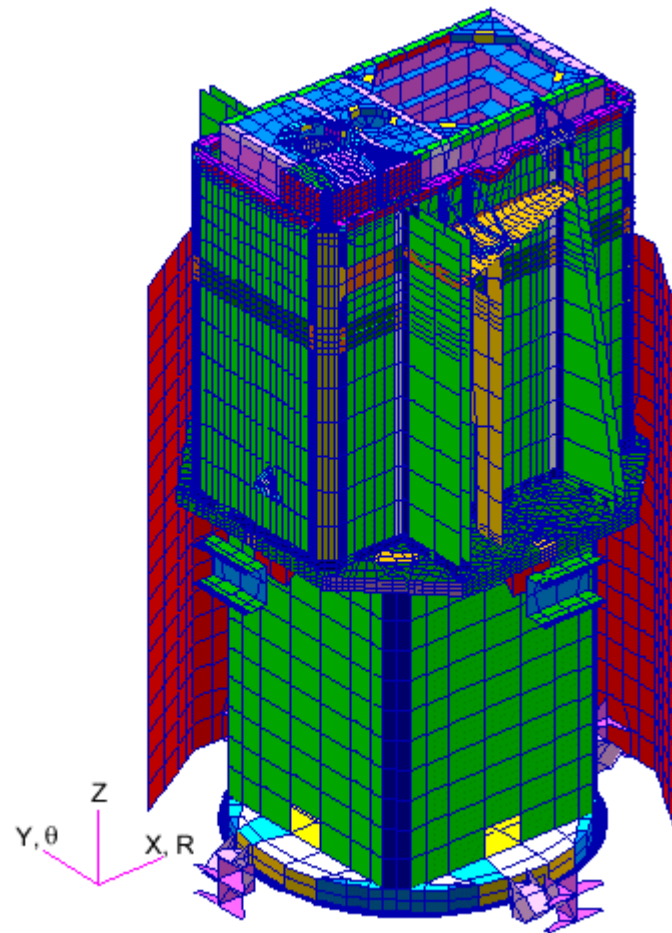
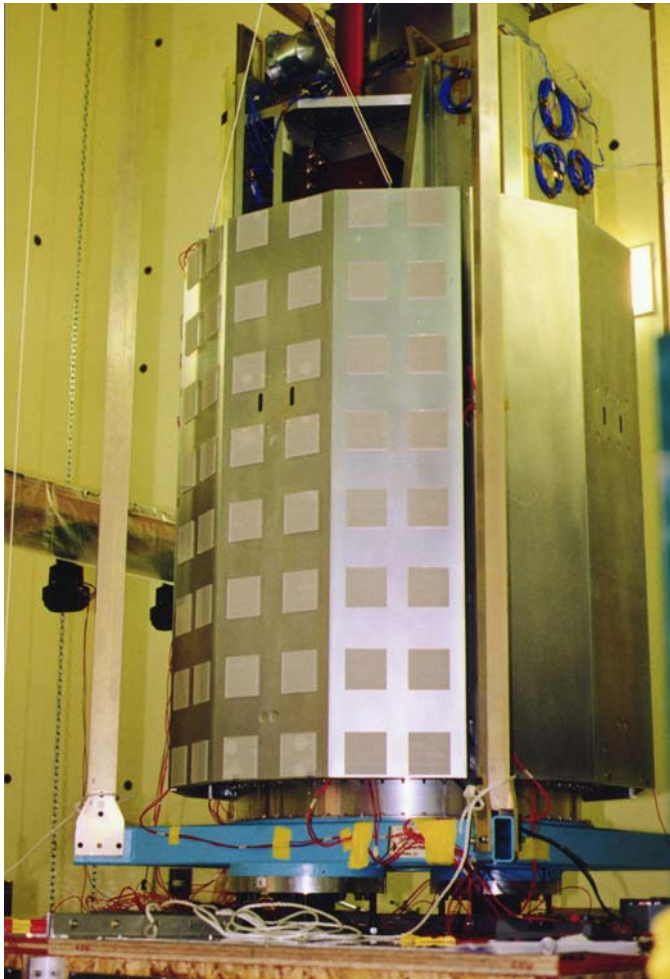
## R&D for Critical National Security Systems

- **New Focus Areas**
  - Weapons Complex Consolidation
  - Production
  - Dismantlement
  - Non-Proliferation
  - Missile Defense
  - Industry Cooperative Research and Development
  - ASCI – Accelerated Super Computing Initiative
  - End of Underground Testing
- **Structural Health Monitoring**
  - Aging Aircraft
  - Wind Turbines
  - Bridges
  - Active Structural Control
    - Precision Manufacturing
    - Noise Control
    - Space Structures
- **Architectural Surety**
  - Terrorist Attacks on Civil Infrastructure
  - Safety, Reliability and Security of Civil Infrastructure





## MTI Satellite : Environment Definition, Model Validation / Prediction & Flight Certification (Acoustic and Vibration Testing / NASTRAN & SALINAS FEM



# New Health Monitoring Technologies can Monitor Changes in Mass Distribution, Stiffness, Energy Dissipation and Nonlinearity

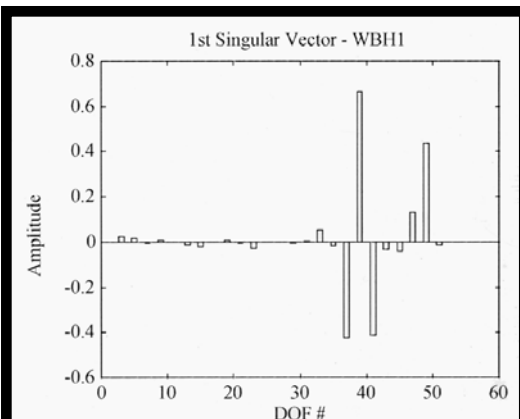


**Operational Implementation**

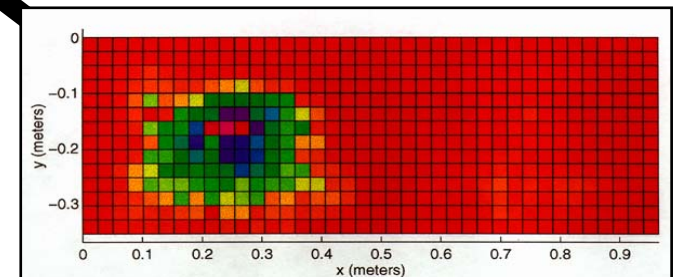


**Diagnostic Measurement**

## Structural Health Monitoring Via Dynamics



**Damage Identification**



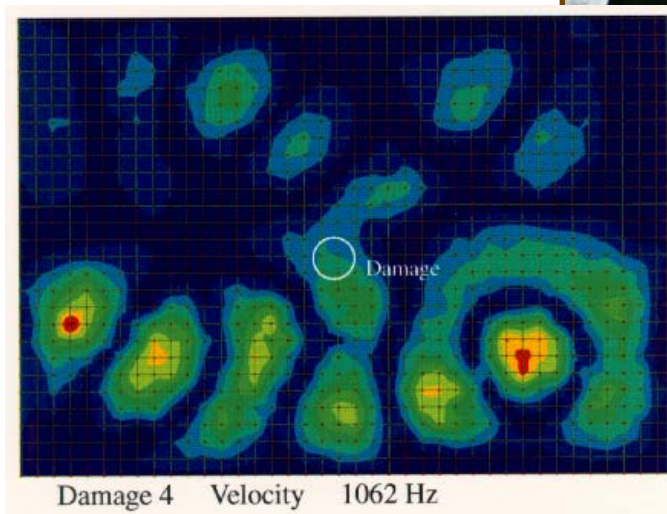
**Information Condensation**





# Diagnostic Measurement

- Large areas
- Realistic structures
- High spatial density
- Broad frequency band
- Non-destructive
- Rapid visualization
- Non-contact

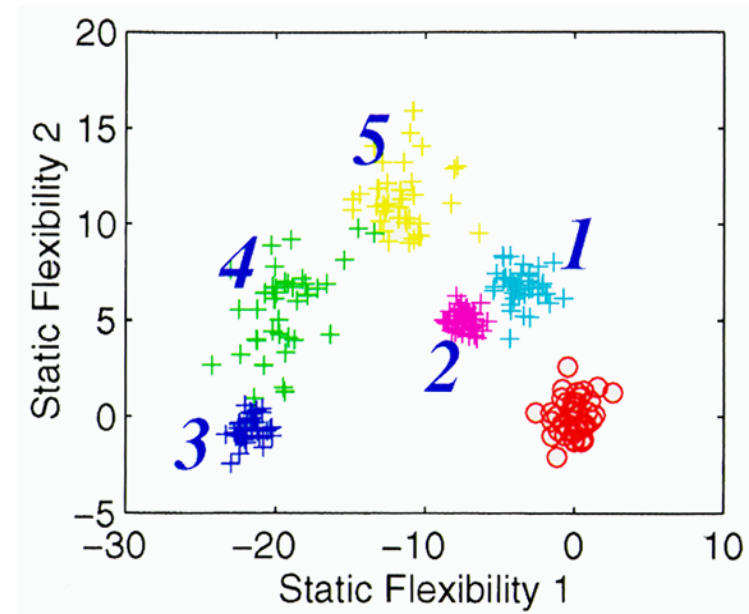
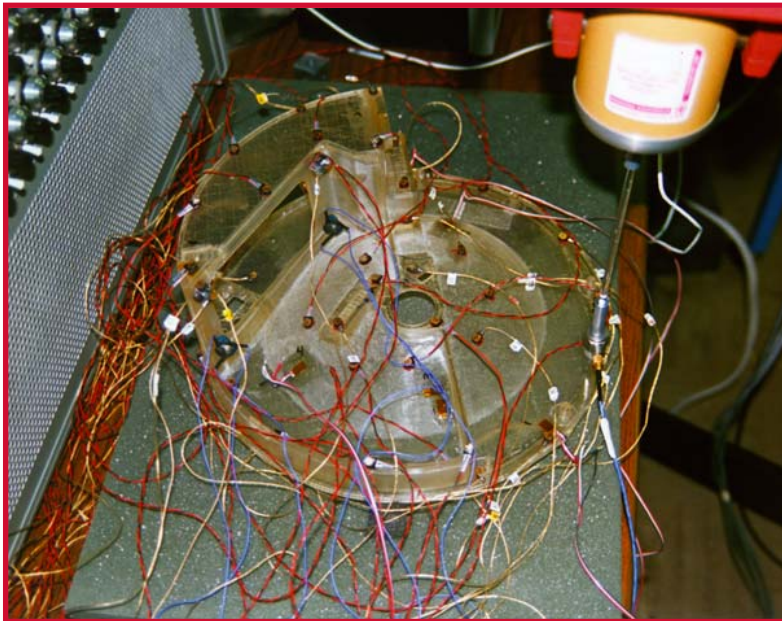


Vibration Pattern at  
1062 Hz

# Damage ID with Neural Networks

## Cast Metal Bulkhead

- Rapid Prototyped Part
- Induced Damage Study - 5 Damage Cases
- Static Flexibility for Information Condensation
- Probabilistic Neural Network for Damage ID

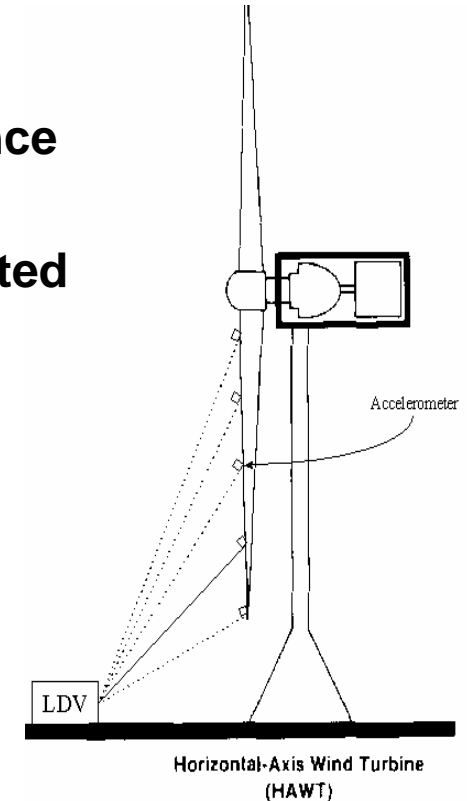




# Wind Turbine Structural Health Monitoring



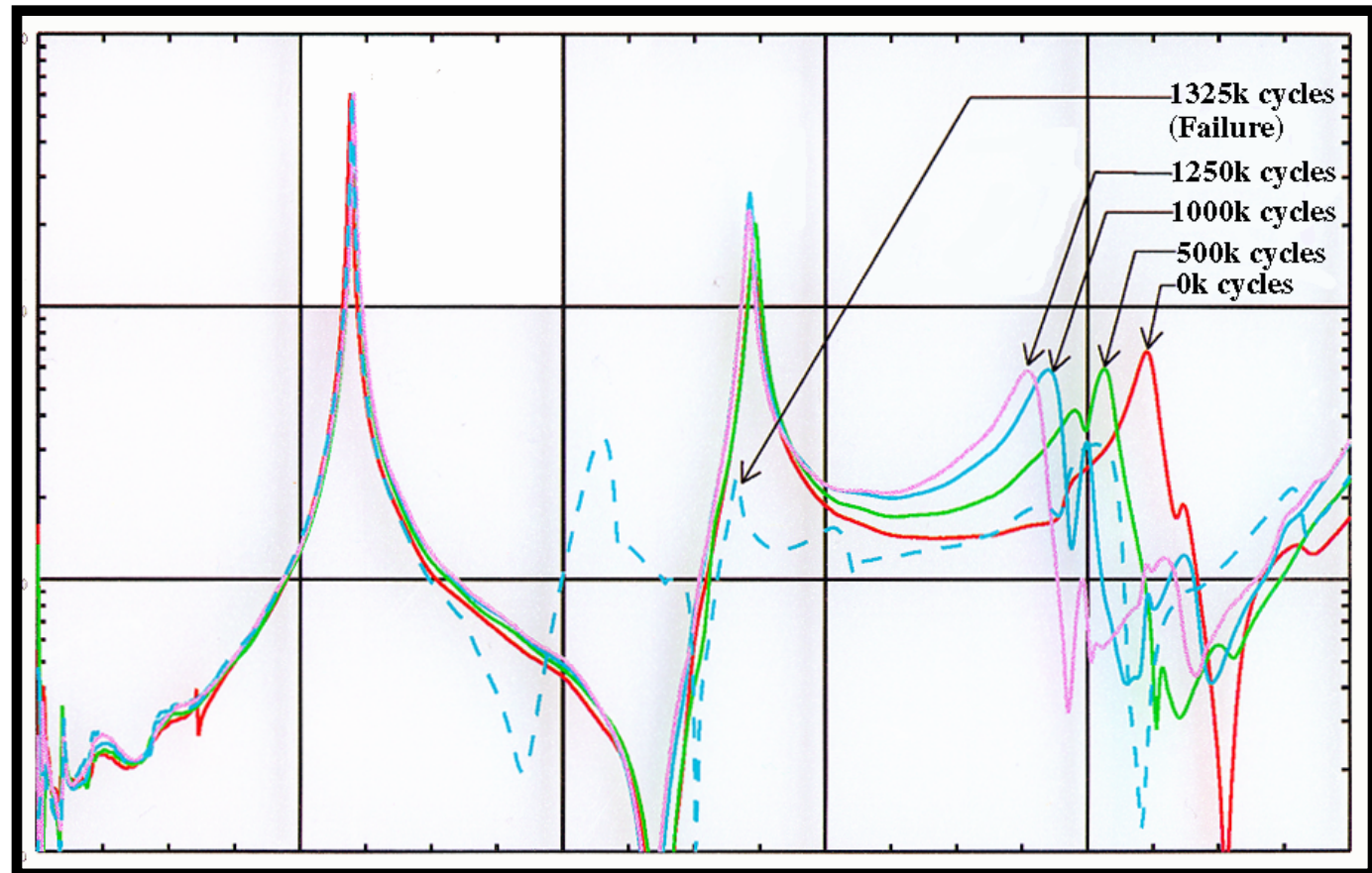
- Testing Performed on HAWT
- Assess LDV system performance in the field
- Assess ability to detect simulated damage
- Assess measures of health monitoring for turbine blades







## Damage Accumulation Testing of a Wind Turbine Blade







# Model and Measure Loads and Responses

## Severe Storm Loss Prevention

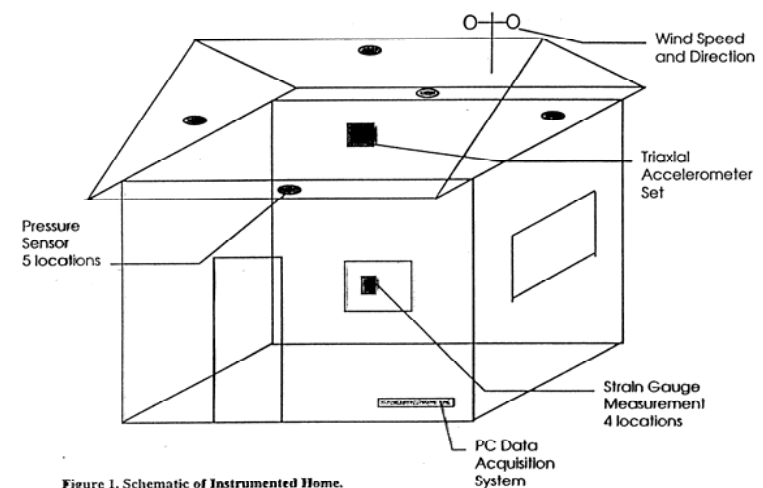
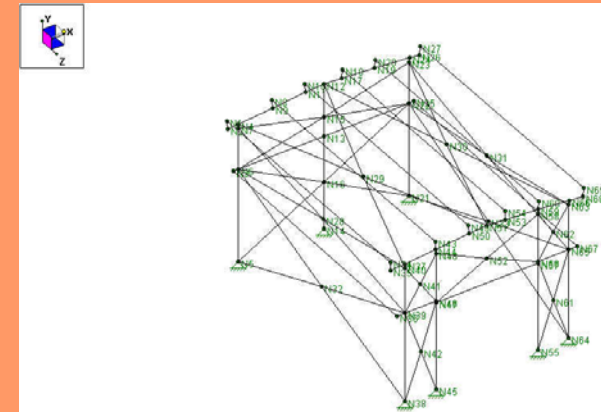
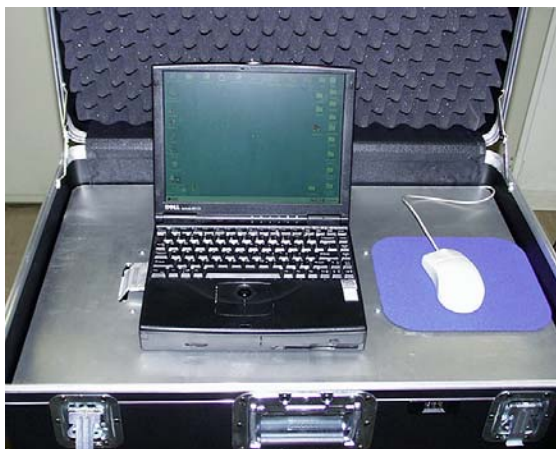


Figure 1. Schematic of Instrumented Home.

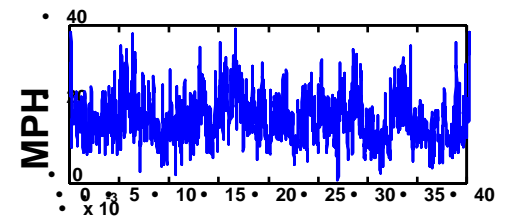


# Autonomous Severe Event Recorder (ASER)

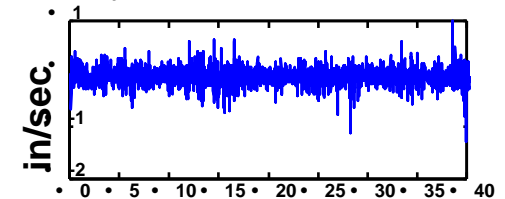


## Correlate Building Excitation and Response

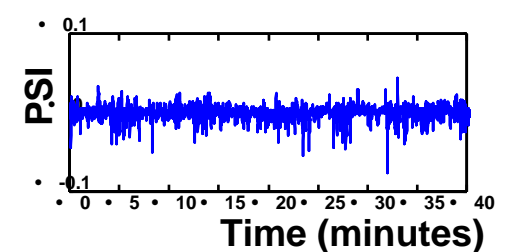
Wind Speed



Building Motion



Differential Pressure



# Cutting Test Overview

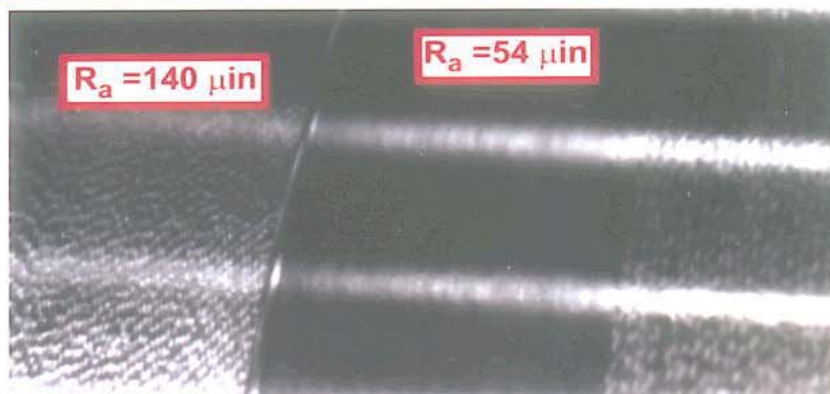
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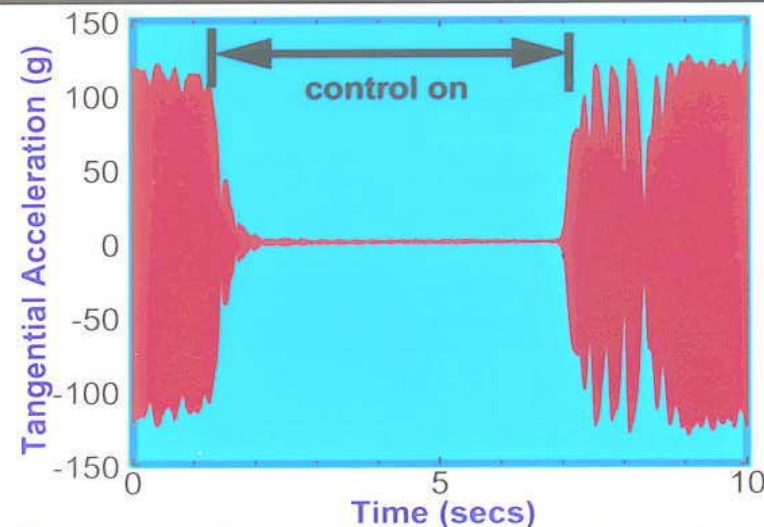
Sandia's Binns & Barry Lathe



$L/D=6$ , 127 RPM, 0.01", 0.0045"/rev



Workpiece Surface Roughness



Chatter Control Demonstration



# Smart Materials & Structures Development

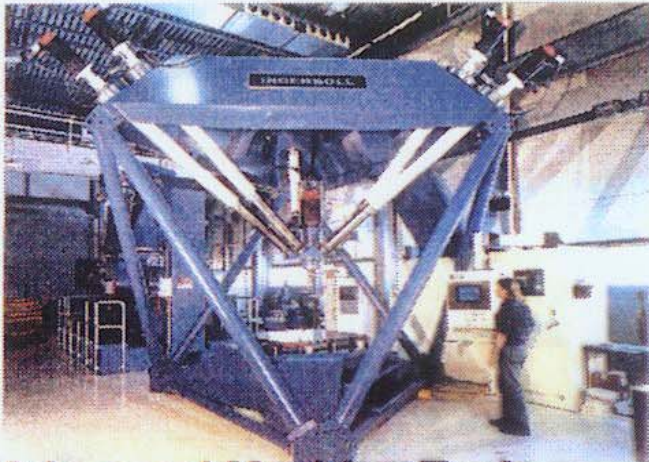


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**Problem:** Excess Flexibility, Resonant Vibration, Unacceptable Transient Dynamic Response, Control Structure Interaction and sudden Failures in Mechanical / Structural Systems

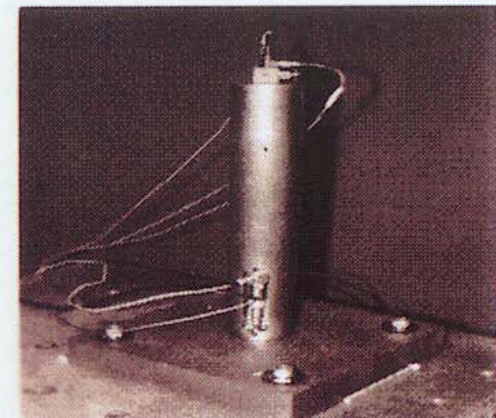
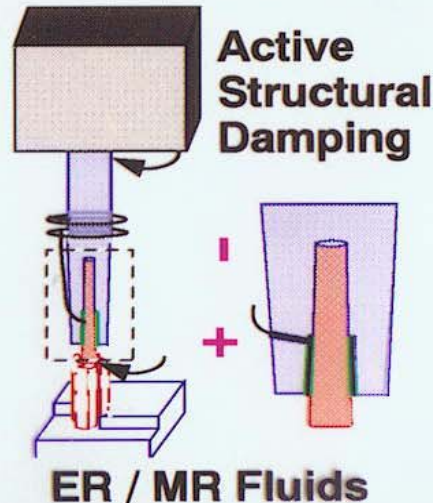
**Importance:** Performance requirements of new mechanical / structural systems (e.g. weapon components, manufacturing and commercial systems, etc.) demand higher speeds, agility, reliability and more precise operation while also reducing weight / mass and lower energy requirements and cost.

**Activities:** Developing Vibration, Shape and Position Control in light weight structures using P/E, ER/MR Fluids, SMA materials.



Advanced Machine Tools

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Embedded P/E Actuator

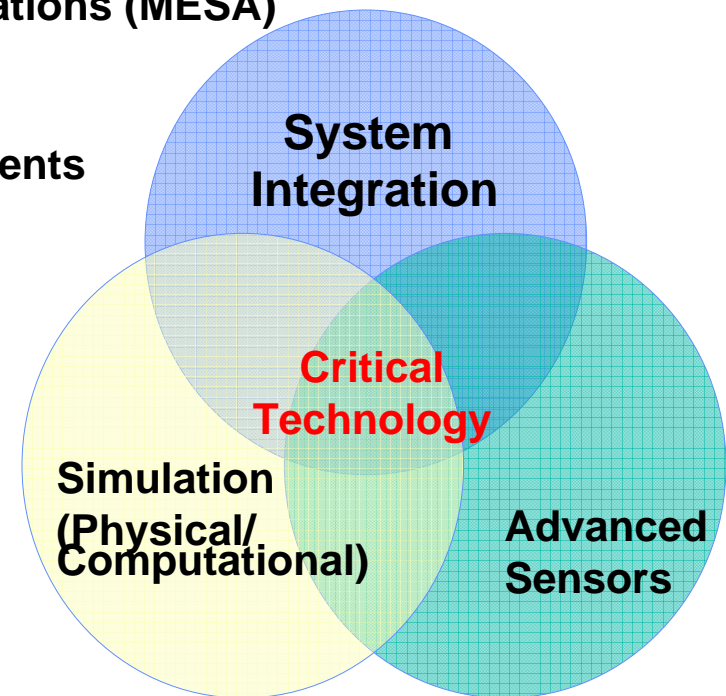
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## 2000's – R&D for Critical National Security Systems

- **Weapon System Life Extension Programs**
  - ASC Teraflop Computing
  - Massively Parallel Engineering Codes
  - Experimental Model Validation
  - Uncertainty Quantification
  - Microsystems and Engineering Sciences Applications (MESA)
    - MEMS Development
    - Nano-technology
  - Embedded Sensors for Sandia Weapon Components
    - In-situ Reliability Assessment - Aging
    - Model Validation
    - Manufacturing Process Control
- **Homeland Security**
  - Massively Distributed Sensor Networks
  - Self-powered Sensors
  - Wireless Smart Sensors

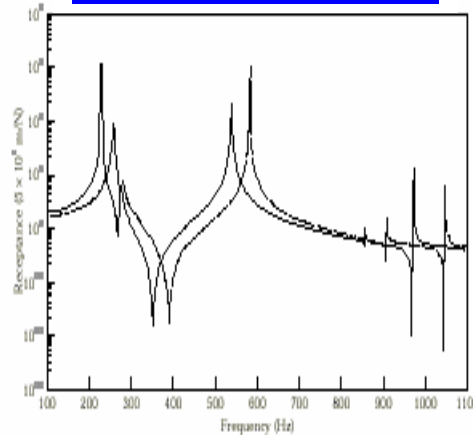


# Current SHM Limitations

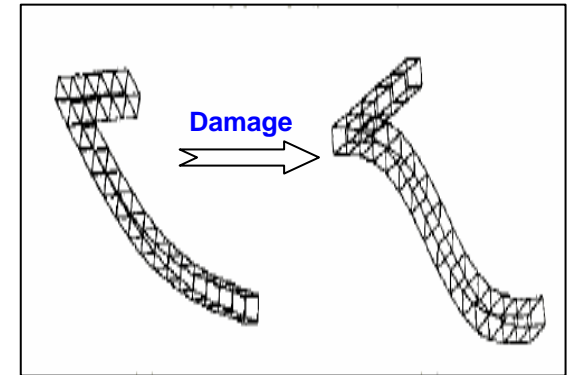
## Dynamic Response Methods

- Based on changes in vibration signature
- **Limitations**
  - Low level of sensitivity to small cracks
  - Requires great number of sensors to be effective
  - Expensive

### Natural frequency shifts



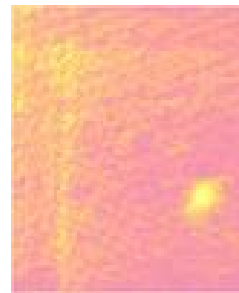
### Mode shapes changes



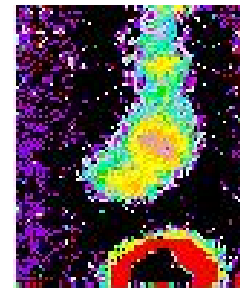
## Non-Destructive Evaluation (NDE)

- Based on wave interruption / reflection
  - Ultrasonic techniques
  - Acoustic emissions
  - Radiography
  - Thermography
  - Laser holography

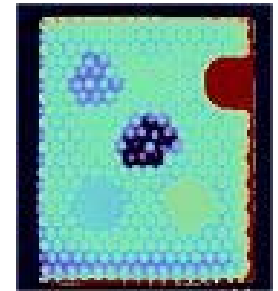
### Impact Damage



### Steel Pipe Erosion



### Multiple Flaws



### • **Limitations**

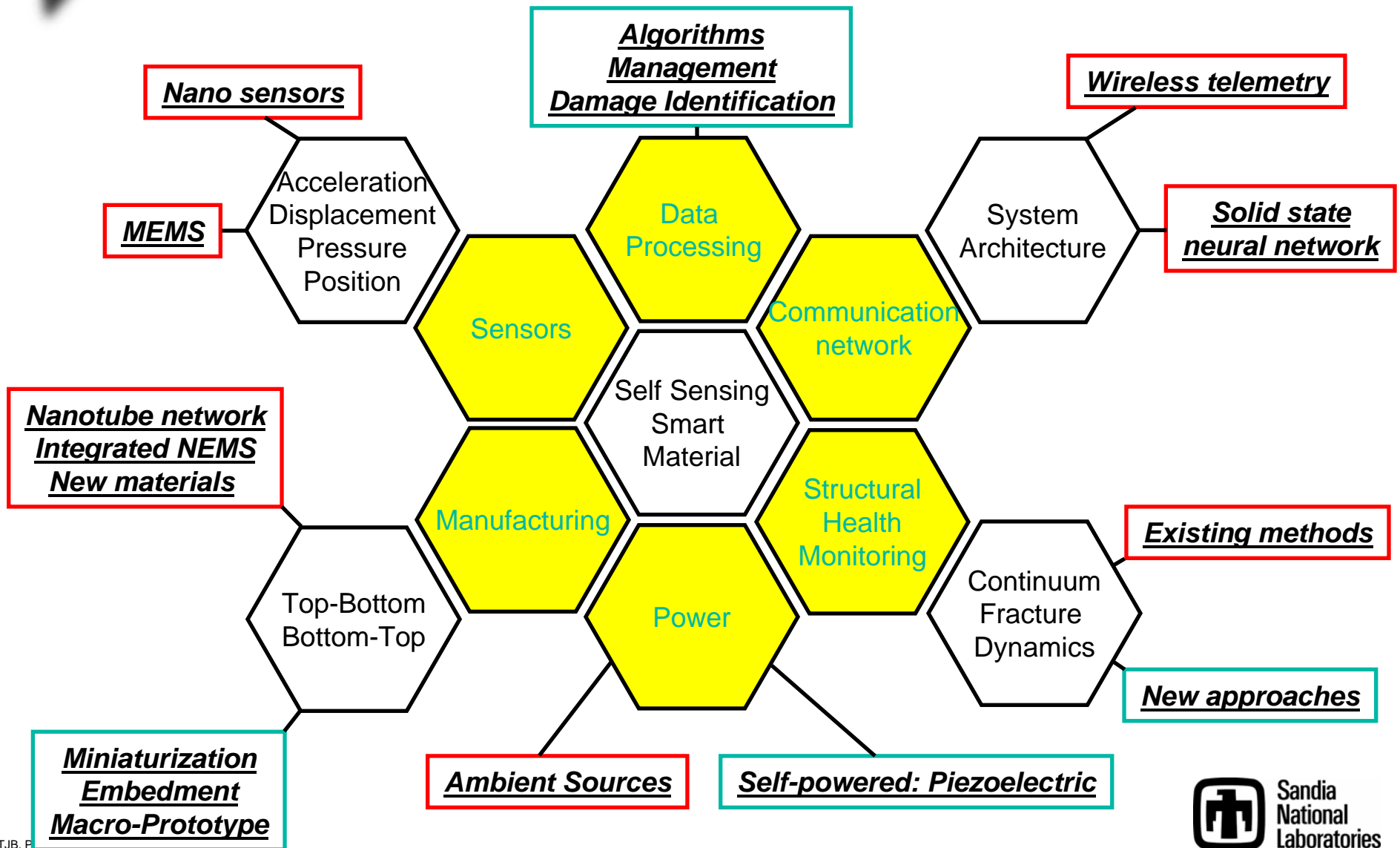
- Require local inspections
- Sophisticated equipment
- Structure disassembly



***SHM functions imbedded in  
conventional materials***

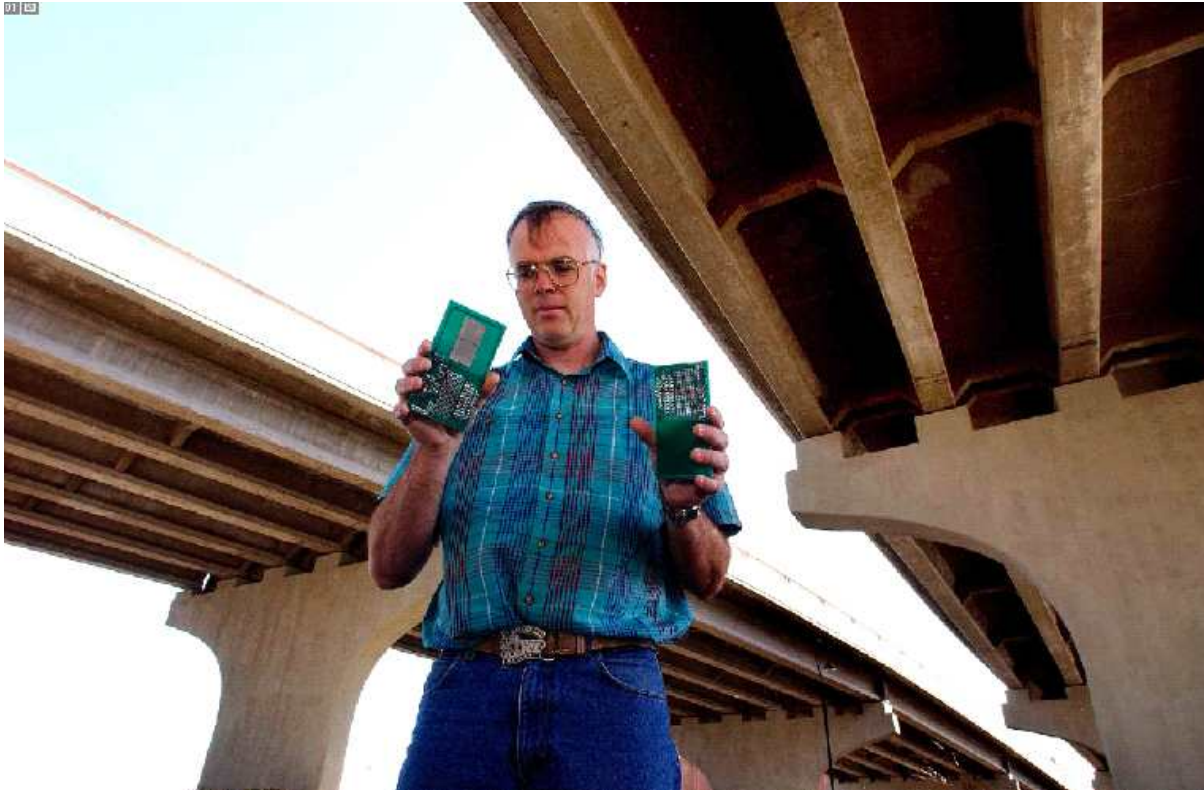


# What's been touched... and what's still remains...





# Information Integration Possible on Massive Scale Using Pervasive Sensors and Wireless Data Fusion



**Demonstrated the feasibility of a wireless, battery-free, vibration-powered sensor that could help keep tabs on the structural health of buildings and bridges.**





# Embedded Neutron Generator Microsensor



Analog Devices MEMS 2-axis accelerometer, 4 x 4 x 1.45 mm

## Problem Description:

Create an **embedded neutron generator (NG) health microsensor**. A truly disruptive technology for neutron tube design, manufacturing and surveillance would be to embed health sensors into operational components.

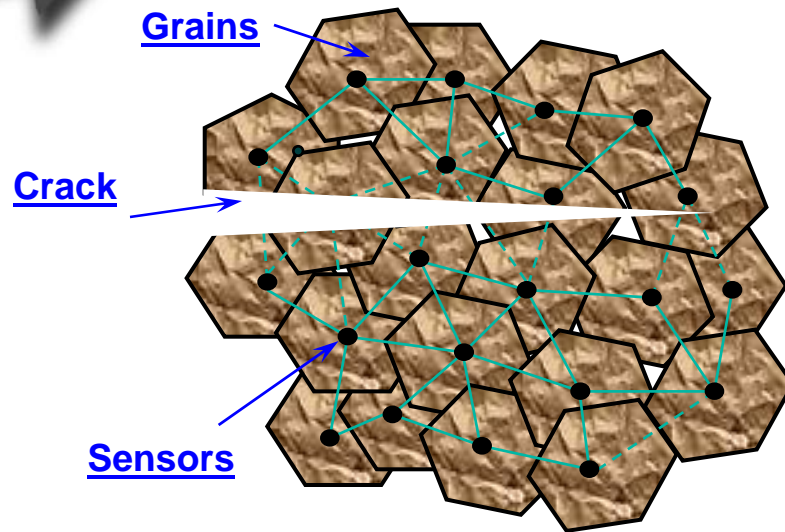
## Proposed Work:

- Develop formal method for organization
- Sample information available for key properties, process issues, and aging concerns.
- Identify detection methods.
- Prioritize and develop roadmap.

## Applications:

- Enhance the nuclear weapon mission at Sandia National Labs and national security mission at DOE.
- Potential improvements that would benefit **manufacturing, predictive modeling, and surveillance of neutron generators**.

# New Smart Materials to Address Issues of Structural Health Monitoring



## Technical Approach:

- Assess feasibility of creation **new smart materials that will incorporate subgrain nanosize sensors to provide structural health monitoring functions.**

## Problem Description:

The cornerstone of the existing SHM method's limitations is that the monitoring functions are appended to the conventional materials and structures. We propose creating **new structural materials that will incorporate health-monitoring functions as one of their properties,** similar to nervous system of a living organism.



# Summary: Structural Health Monitoring of the Future will Integrate Simulation and Sensors

- ***Develop High Resolution Models***

- Employ Teraflop Computing Capabilities
- Validate Models for Life-cycle Performance Evaluation

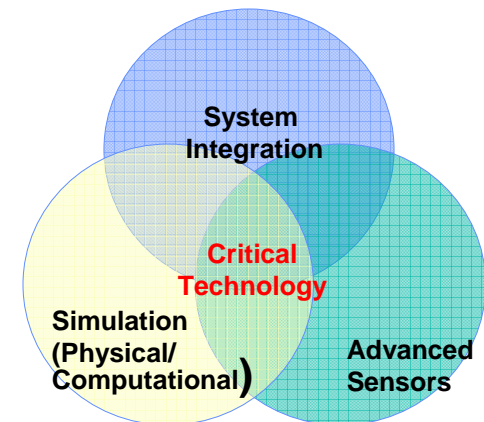
- ***Develop Disruptive Sensor Technology***

- Real-Time Performance Assessment
- Integrate Sensors in Material
- Wireless and Self-powered Sensors

- ***Collaborate with Other Agencies***

- Simulation and Sensor Technology

- Prognostic Algorithms



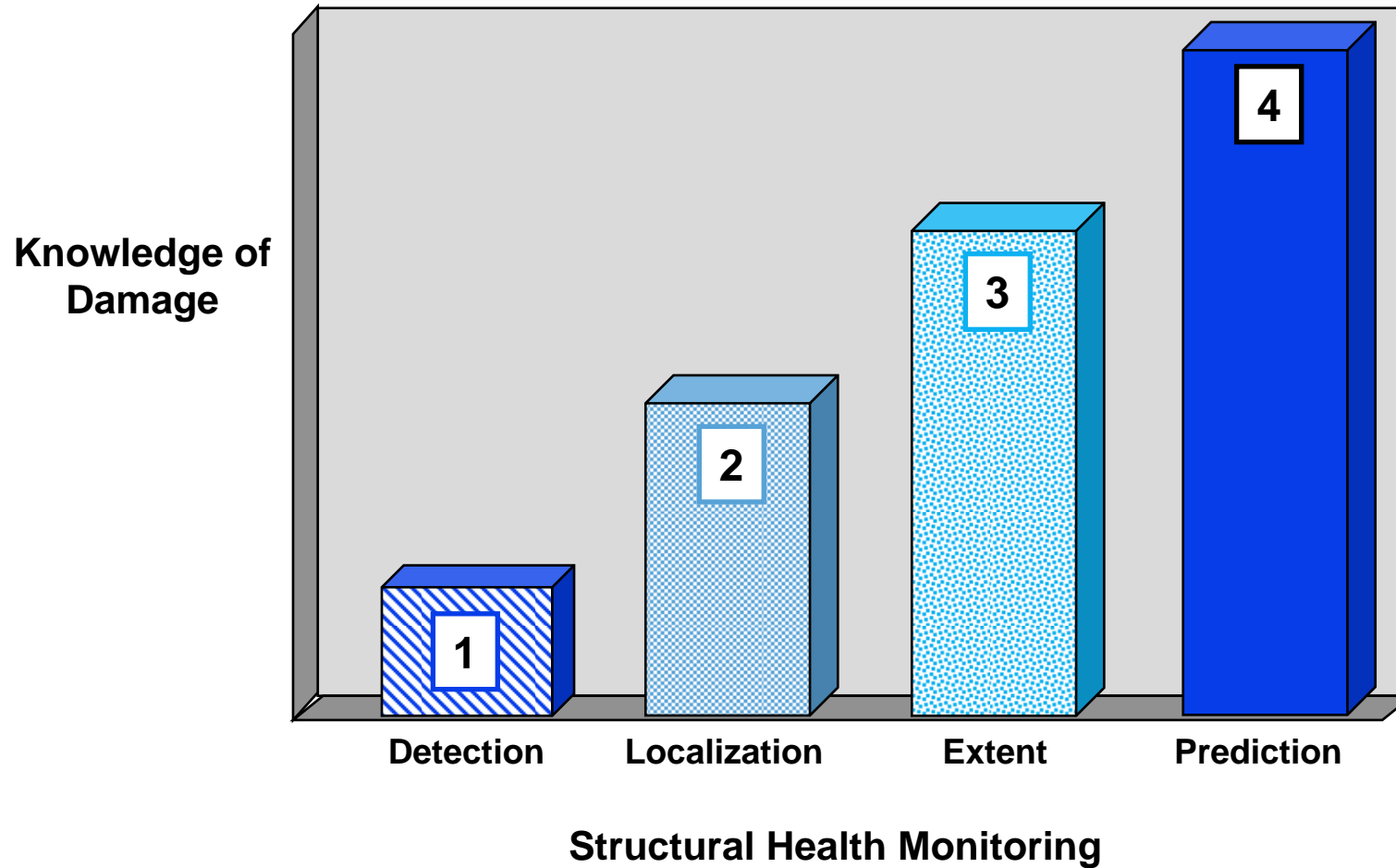




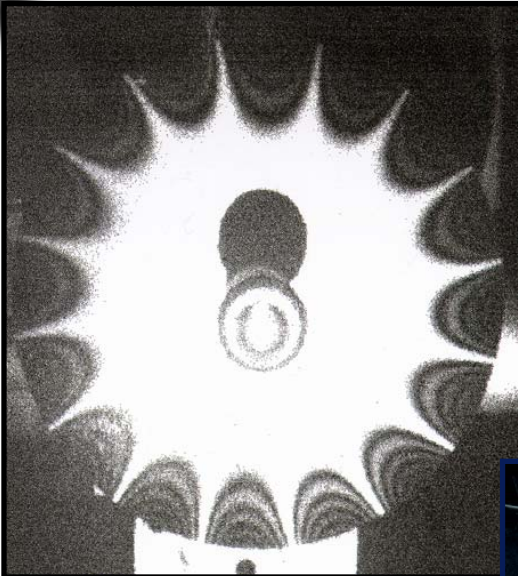
# Questions?



# Degrees of Health Monitoring Knowledge



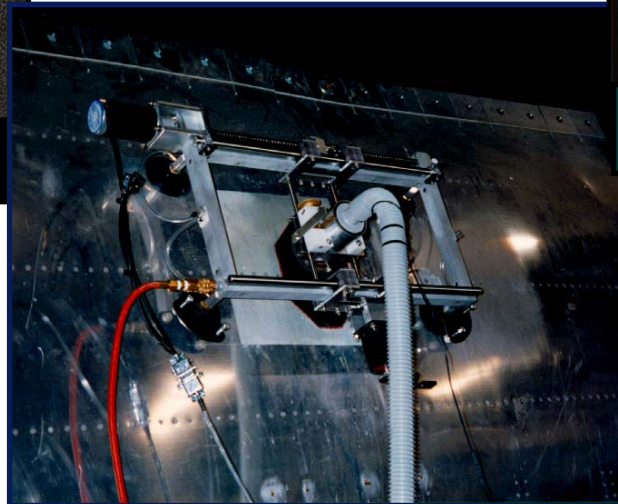
# Diagnostic Measurement - Advanced NDE



Laser Holography



Thermography



Advanced Ultrasonics